REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11-15 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9 and 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Schmid, et al., (US Patent No. 5,659,164).

Claims 1 and 8, as amended, require that the control sheet have only a control image on it, and that the control sheet can be located somewhere else in the imaging job. The cover page 1 of Schmid must be the first page of the imaging job. The cover page 1' is not a cover page for the first imaging job, but for a second imaging job that is appended to the first imaging job. In addition, the HRI of Schmid may reside on the same page as the machine-readable information. See Figures 1 and 3A of Schmid, as well as col. 4, 37-45. and col. 4, lines 50-57.

Applicants therefore submit that claims 1 and 8 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art and request allowance of these claims.

Claims 2-7 and claims 9-15 depend from claims 1 and 8, respectively. Applicants submit that these claims are patentably distinguishable over the prior art for the reasons as applied to claims 1 and 8. In light of the amendments to the claims, Applicants request allowance of these claims.

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No new matter has been added by this amendment. Allowance of all claims is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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